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To.....ORVAC Committee and Others
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Pres. BCSA

ORVAC Committee Members and Others:

At the November 7 2012 ORVAC meeting I stated that due to the overly limiting, likely illegal maximum of 400 miles of Primary ORV trails in the Existing Preserve the only chance of developing any where near a reasonable ORV trail system was through the Secondary Trail system. There is no limit on the number of individual secondary trails, no limit to the total miles of secondary trails. The only question being the length of an individual secondary trail.

My suggestion for the definition of a Secondary Trail for your consideration is as follows:

"A Secondary ORV trail would be a trail branching off a Primary ORV Trail running a maximum distance of approximately ____miles per trail. These trails to run directly in and out to an area of the Preserve where access to that area of the Preserve is not otherwise accessible by the Primary ORV Trail system"

Based on the years of past turmoil I think we would all be well served to nail down the maximum length of an individual secondary trail and a secondary trail would go directly in and out to a specific area. Any looping of secondary trails should probably be avoided.

My suggestion on maximum length of individual secondary trails would be approximately two miles.

If we had the 1500 miles of Primary ORV Trails that Preserve Superintendent John Donahue clearly agreed to implement in the late 90s this secondary trails issue would not be so critical. We are not asking for anything new or different regarding secondary trails, only to have the NPS establish a reasonable system to allow ORV access to the Preserve a little closer to what was intended in the 1974 legislation. The purpose of secondary trails is to fill in gaps not leave huge gaps.

The INTENT of Honorable Lawton Chiles, Nat Reed and others in the 1974 Preserve creation legislation was to allow the continuation of the Traditional Cultural ORV access and Other rights to the Preserve, not just access to select destinations in the Preserve. The legislation had no INTENT of having a maximum miles of Primary ORV trails creating the sad situation we face today.

Sincerely
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